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30 May 1959

The Reverend Ralph Beryl Mesbitt  
The Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church  
Seven West Fifty-fifth Street  
New York, New York

Dear Ralph:

Many thanks for your kind letter of  
May 26 and what you have said about Foster.

In his last days he was greatly cheered  
by the thought of the addition to the Prince-  
ton Library due to the generosity of his  
friends.

I hope to see you at our Reunion.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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The Very Reverend Nikon, Bishop of Florida  
The Ruling Archbishop and Diocesan Council  
of North-American and Canadian Dioceses of  
the Russian Orthodox Greek-Catholic Church, Inc.  
1841 Bathgate Avenue  
New York 57, New York

Dear Bishop Nikon:

I thank you very much for your communication of June 4. I was very glad to learn more of your activities. That your church is thriving in our democratic society is a proof of your strength and of ours. Spiritual Christian faith has been one of the dominant characteristics of the Russian nation throughout history. It is my conviction that this faith will outlive atheistic Communism.

I thank you very much for the invitation to attend the July 26 celebration, and I very much regret that I am unable to accept it.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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THE RULING ARCHBISHOP AND DIOCESAN COUNCIL  
of North-American and Canadian Diocese  
of the Russian Orthodox Greek-Catholic Church, Inc.

1841 Bathgate Avenue, New York 57, N. Y.

Phone: LUdlow 7-2759

NIKON, BISHOP OF FLORIDA

June 4, 1959

Mr. Allen W. Dulles  
P.O. Box 1513  
Main Post Office  
Washington 13, D.C.

Dear Mr. Dulles,

Thank you, very much for your kind letter  
of the 1-st inst.

I should like to inform you regarding our work,  
in which we are doing all that is possible in order to preserve  
the spirit of anti-communism in all of the masses of Russian  
immigrants scattered over the world. We are trying to prevent  
the degeneration or peaceful relations or indifference towards  
Communism in these masses, combating such influences forced  
upon us by agents from Moscow.

A sample of our work is represented by the  
enclosed clipping.

On July 26, we are organizing a Russian national  
day, at the St. Vladimir memorial Church in Cassville, N.J.

This Church is under construction, and is half-way  
completed. This Church will be an all-Russian national standard,  
and this is very important, in order to create an all-Russian  
anti-communist movement. This could be of great moment at the  
time when the Soviet communists will be overthrown. We shall be  
very glad to welcome you, or your representative on this holyday.  
Am enclosing a photograph of the half-built Church.

God bless you. Very truly yours,

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**PARTICIPANTS AT RICHMOND MEETING**—Left to right, Ivan Sitenko, Whitefield, president of the Don Cossack Staniza; speakers, Anatol Rogoshin, Bishop Nikon, Boris Sergievsky, Leonid Miheev; chairman, Ilya Listov.

## Russian Group at Richmond Hold Anti-Communist Rally

RICHMOND—An anti-Communist meeting held Saturday afternoon in a Federal Hall was well attended by Russian emigrants from Richmond and area towns. Speakers were His Grace, Bishop Nikon, Florida, and New York City; Colonel Anatol Rogoshin, president and former commander of the Russian Comptantant and president of St. Alexander Nevsky Foundation in Richmond; Boris Sergievsky, commander of the Garrison 297 Army and Navy Union, all of New York City, and Professor Leonid Miheev, West Pittston, New York. Speakers arrived Saturday afternoon at Airline's airport in a private plane piloted by Mr. Sergievsky, and returned after the lecture.

Chairman of the meeting and introducing the speakers was Ilya Listov, president of the Richmond Section American Comptantant.

The lecture was sponsored by the Order Of Former Militia, Inc., and arranged by the Russian Comptantant and the Don Cossack Staniza in this area. Theme of the meeting was *A Free Russia in The Free World*.

Bishop Nikon said that Communism, as based on the doctrine of Karl Marx, aims to destroy completely all religions of all denominations, first of all in Russia and then in the rest of the world, and to enslave and subjugate to its rule all of humanity in the world. During 42 years of Communism, Communism has taken hold of the Russian nation and has done everything possible in order to destroy faith in God in the soul of the Russian people. While destroying physically, Communism could not change the soul of the Russian nation and could not destroy in it faith in God. It can destroy material things, but not spiritual things in the Russian People.

Colonel Rogoshin said that rallies similar to the present are being arranged in many places in the U.S.A. where Russian anti-communists live.

He said, "the aims of these rallies are (1) to air our points of view on political questions in view of the probable development of the Communist level; (2) to try to see that our voice will be heard through the press by Americans." Rogoshin also discussed the question of Berlin and the situation of Germany, saying that each compromise in these questions will be a triumph for Krushchev and company, killing all hopes of liberation of the enslaved Russians and other peoples. He said, treaties which are signed between nations are not fulfilled. Our duty is to raise our voice and say, 'Do not trust Communists.' They are not true representatives of the enslaved Russian people." He pointed out that 70% of the Russian Red Corp officers are the agents

but against the gang of international communists who, by lies and political trickery, usurped the power over Russia. He said that we must learn from history and must not repeat mistakes of Germany. He finished by saying that winning the trust, goodwill and friendship of the Russian people will make the use of nuclear weapons unnecessary; a free Russia in the Free World is the only right solution of the present world crisis.

Professor Miheev aimed his talk at Red China and said the yellow races now appear on the political arena and Red China is now a most important country in communist plans. The latest victim is Tibet because it remains to be destroyed.

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people never will accept communism, and would be the best ally to the Free World in the coming struggle."

Mr. Sergievsky gave a brief talk in English for the benefit of a few English-speaking persons present. He said to never be deceived by the present Russian government, that they are criminals and would be the same as gangsters ruling the United States, and that Krushchev is not representing the people of Russia.

He strongly urged that propaganda broadcast to the enslaved

people behind the Iron Curtain

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struggle is not against the people or the Russian state as such,

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ST. VLADIMIR'S MEMORIAL CHURCH  
CASSVILLE, NEW JERSEY



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15 June 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence  
VIA : Deputy Director (Plans)  
SUBJECT : The Ruling Archbishop and Diocesan Council of North American and Canadian Diocese of the Russian Orthodox Greek-Catholic Church, Inc.

1. The attached letter was prepared at the Director's request and it is being submitted for his signature.
2. It will be remembered that Bishop NIKON wrote the Director a letter of condolence on his brother's death, which the Director answered.
3. Since this group is religious and not political, a comment regarding religion as an anti-Communist force seems appropriate.

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Acting Chief  
Soviet Russia Division

1 Attachment

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